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## WITH THIS EDITION A DYNASTY FALLS

With the publication of this issue of the **Acorn**—a dynasty falls. Granted, this crumbling will not be as significant as the deterioration of the Egyptian, Grecian, or Roman Empires, but to the Worcester State College **Acorn** it is extremely important. This dynasty was the students of senior secondary III who, for the last four years, have been the backbone of this student publication. To be sure, there were many other members of the WSC student body on this paper during these years, but no one can deny the fact that this one division dominated this club as no other club has ever been dominated before. Actually, many times this one section was putting out the **Acorn** for the entire college. A mere glance at the mast-head on this page will bear out the above statements. All of the following students are from senior secondary III: Editor-in-Chief Ron Schofield; Assistant Editors Pat O'Grady, Gloria Rheame, Jim Robinson, and Dave Tarkiainen; and Secretary Pauline Shea. Thus we can see that six of the seven offices of this club are managed by students from this one section.

In the past four years these six seniors have seen the **Acorn** improve by leaps and bounds. There is no question that today's **Acorn** far exceeds the one of four years ago. But these seniors can do no more. They will be graduated and must count on underclassmen to carry on in the tradition of the Fourth Estate. Next year bigger and even better things are expected of the **Acorn**, and rightfully so, for progress is cumulative.

In short, the last four years have seen this newspaper vastly improve through the work of many people, but particularly by the members of senior secondary III. Now the burden of responsibility no longer rests on the shoulders of this four year-old dynasty. But, with the foundation that this dynasty has provided to build on, improvements and refinements should come easily. With this mind, the dynasty bids adieu, wishing the best of luck to the successors who will guide the **Acorn** in the years to come.

## JUNIORS-SENIORS TO DEBATE

On Friday, May 25th, the moment of truth will arrive for four of Worcester State College's upper classmen as they argue it out in the seventh annual Junior-Senior debate. This year the national debate question is —"Resolved: that labor organizations should be under the jurisdiction of anti-trust legislation." At bat for the affirmative will be juniors Jan-

ice Lumsden and Bob McGraw, while seniors Joe Consigli, a last year's winner, and Martin Clark will team up for the negative.

The debate, long one of the college's most popular activities, has always drawn a big crowd of eager listeners and has never failed to delight and stimulate its audience.

Remember, Friday, May 25th.

## DATES TO CIRCLE

MAY—

- 28—Finals begin for seniors
- 30—No School—Memorial Day

JUNE—

- 1—Finals begin for all other classes
- 3—Baccalaureate in the College Auditorium
- 7—Finals end—Senior Banquet at the Maridior
- 8—Class Day Exercises in the College Gymnasium
- 9—Alumni Day Exercises
- 11—Commencement Exercises at Worcester Memorial Auditorium

## MONFREDO, MULCAHY LEAD NEXT YEAR'S ACORN

by PETER SAKALOWSKY  
of the Acorn Staff

For the first time in the history of the college, co-editors have been elected for the student newspaper, **The Acorn**. Sophomore John Monfredo, a 1960 graduate of Commerce High, and junior Michael Mulcahy, a 1959 graduate of St. John's Prep, will head the school newspaper. They will succeed Ronald Schofield who has greatly improved **The Acorn** during the past year.

While at Commerce John Monfredo served as class president in his junior and senior years, represented Commerce at Student Government Day in Boston, was sports editor of the school paper,

**Mercury**, and headed many committees and clubs as well. John also played varsity basketball and baseball for four years. In 1960 he was co-captain of the baseball team and also received the Most Valuable Player Award in baseball. In the spring and summer of 1961, John became the youngest coach of an Intermediate League baseball team piloting the team to a city championship in his first year of coaching. Since coming to Worcester State, John has served as vice-president of his class in his freshman and sophomore years. He is a member of the Newman Club and the S.N.E.A. and has helped considerably in the college's publicity department. Besides being quite active in

school, John also works part time at the Worcester **Telegram and Gazette**.

Michael Mulcahy is the oldest of eleven children having four brothers and six sisters. He is quite a ball player playing basketball and football and bowling, if we can sneak it into this category. Mike played basketball for the Ionic Ave. Boy's Club, which set a season record, and plans to play summer ball in the St. Peter's Chi-Rho League. He finds time not only to play ball, but also to officiate at basketball and baseball games. While at St. John's, Mike received the Francis X. Corsac Award for the most outstanding, all-around student in the class of 1959. At the college

Mike is co-editor of the 1963 Worcester State College yearbook, member of the choir, the Newman Club, the Math Club, and the track team. In the summer of 1961, Mike worked on the Titan Missile Program in Denver, Colorado and this summer he will work at Harrington-Richardson Arms Co. as a special police guard. Mike is also taking the big step this summer—he will marry Kathy Heap on June 16. He will practice teach at Worcester Boys' Trade where he will teach math and science.

Both men hope to make **The Acorn** a strong, independent, student newspaper. Their objectives are to stimulate the students and to make **The Acorn** a voice of the student body.



## Lancers Have Fine Season

by JAMES ALLEN  
Acorn Sports Writer

The Lancers this year could duplicate a feat last accomplished in 1955: a record of 8 wins and 2 losses. Coach John Mockler said that won-loss record is the best since he has been baseball mentor at the college.

A 14-3 win over Rhode Island on May 18 enabled them to move to a 6 and 2 record with games at Keene, N.H., and Fitchburg remaining at this writing. Coach Mockler was optimistic about the outcomes.

The club was in third place in the New England Teachers College League following undefeated Castleton (5-0) and Boston (7-1).

In the May 18 victory, Bill Cronan and Joe Montimuro combined to hurl a seven hitter, while the sluggers, led by Bill Leach with three hits including two doubles, Vito Filipkowski, Fran Joubert and Dick Lamothe with two apiece, and Jim Powers' homer, went on a 12-hit barrage. Cronan got the victory, his fifth, against a single loss to Boston.

Other moundsmen are Carl Baldino (2-1) and Greg Carr and Joe Montimuro, both with no decision.

Looking to the future and next season, the coach once again expressed optimism. He said this year's graduation losses include first baseman Filipkowski, a two year vet, and captains Cronan, Dick Denechaud, a sticker and third baseman, and Leach, a receiver. The three captains have each played four years of exceptional ball for the Blue and the Gold.

The coach said their loss will be felt and that next year's success depends on the incoming freshmen. "We will have a nucleus of a good club but will need pitching and a catcher", he stated.

This year's club had an impressive overall batting average of .330 with sophomore Lamothe leading all hitters with .424 as of the first six games.

Batting statistics follow on the bottom of this page: (not including the Rhode Island game on May 18).

## Moskal Elected In Special Election

by GEMA SERMUKSNIS  
of the Acorn Staff

This is your college-Corridor reporter. Approaching us is a young man of slight stature but enthusiasm. The smile and twinkle of eye betray him to be David A. Moskal, newly elected President of the Class of '65. As he passes by we are able to glean that the twenty-one-year-old has in addition been elected Treasurer of the French Club. His interest in French is understandable because that is his major. The set of his shoulders also reveal that he is in the active Marine reserves, serves as Religious and Educational Chairman of the Newman Club, and works part-time as a chef in his home town of Webster.

David came to W.S.C. indirectly from St. Louis High, Webster by way of Worcester Tech.

This is your College-Corridor reporter saying "Sudiev", as Frosh President David A. Moskal walks into the great indoors.

## College Year Successful In Lancerland

by ANNE-MARIE BERNIER  
of the Acorn Staff

The college year 1961-62, has been a successful and rewarding year in many ways. One of the first events the College had in the Fall, was the annual Senior Tea. It is at this time that the Seniors are "capped" in front of an audience of their parents. Another opening event was the Welcome Freshmen Dance, sponsored by the present sophomore class. Each year, the Sophomores give the new freshmen class a "welcome" dance to help the frosh get to know one another, and also to help the upper classmen get to know the frosh!

Soon after, the big event of the Fall begins—All College Week. This week is devoted to honoring the senior class. The juniors, sophs, and frosh compete with each other by putting on skits, the best one getting a trophy. This year's winner was the sophomore class, who also won the event last year. The Week's activities ended with a College Dance on Friday.

November arrived before we knew it, and the Junior Prom was held in all its splendor and glory. With the Christmas Season approaching, a new tradition was added to the college. Thanks to the ingenuity of a member of the Class of 1964, the tradition of having a Christmas dance was started. The dance had everything, including Santa, who arrived to take up a collection for the needy children in the Worcester area. Christmas vacation over, the freshmen set to work on their first prom, "Serenade In Jade", which was a great success.

The college has grown much this year, and we have added a new feature. Our college now has a bookstore operated by Mr. Minahan. The addition of the bookstore has helped, both professors and students alike, in making it much easier to obtain books. Our hats off to you in thanks, Mr. M.

Immediately following exams, work was started in preparation for the Winter Carnival. Each year, the Carnival has become better, thanks to the hardworking efforts of all four classes under the direction of the Student Council. Next year we hope to make Carnival Weekend an even greater success by perhaps beginning it on Thursday evening with the

Jazz Concert, and winding up Saturday evening with the Ball (provided of course if we have no classes on Friday). This year's Carnival first prize went to the sophomores, with the juniors running a very close second, the freshmen making a good showing in third place, and our beloved seniors bringing up the rear in fourth place.

The end of April came and on the twenty-eighth, the Scholarship Tea was held. This year, the college was privileged to have Gen. T. F. Foley as our honored guest. On May fourth, the Sophomore-Senior Prom, "Holland Behagen", took place. This formal prom was one of the most beautiful that the college has ever seen, and many praises were given by everyone who attended. Perhaps the most interesting and diversified concert was given in the auditorium by the college choir on May tenth. The numbers ranged from Schubert's "Mass in G-Major" to the Pulitzer Prize winning musical "Fiorello".

The immediate future for students is the ritual of final exams. After exams, the seniors will be eagerly anticipating graduation on Monday evening, June eleventh. This year's Commencement exercises are to be held at the Worcester Auditorium, and promise to be the best ever. In summarization of the year's college program, it seems to prove the opening statement that this year has been a most successful and rewarding one.

## Historians Go To Plymouth

Friday, May 19th was well chosen as the day for the History Club's annual outing. This year a mixed bag of students, professors, assorted children, and one small cocker spaniel, forming themselves into a modest safari, spent a magnificent day at Plymouth, Mass. The weather could not have been finer; the damps and fogs of the past few weeks finally giving way to glorious sunshine and cooling ocean breezes that contributed in no small measure to the successful day.

All were delighted and surprised by the Mayflower. Delighted by her sprightly appearance—"like a big toy ship" one moppet was heard to say—while even the knowing history buffs were surprised (Con't on Page 4)

## LANCER BATTING AVERAGES

	AB	R	H	BB	RBI	AVE.
Kevin Lyons, cf.	43	13	16	1	9	.375
Jack Hanlon, lf.	33	9	8	7	9	.242
Dick Lamothe, 3b.	33	15	14	9	8	.424
Fran Joubert, ss.	35	10	13	6	13	.371
Bill Leach, c.	38	9	13	2	12	.340
Dick Joubert, rf.	31	8	9	6	4	.290
Vido Filipkowski, 1b	24	7	9	3	6	.375
Jim Powers, 2b.	28	6	9	3	3	.321
Bill Cronan, p.	14	2	4	1	7	.285
Carl Baldino, p.	11	3	3	1	1	.272
Dick Denechaud, p.3b.	9	0	2	2	1	.222
Dick Clifford, 1b.	11	1	2	1	0	.182
George Albro, 2b.	2	0	1	0	0	.500
John Driscoll, of.	3	0	0	1	0	.000
Joe Mortimuro, p.	0	1	0	0	0	.000
Team Totals	315	84	103	43	73	.330



## Dr. Walett And Dr. Rudy Publish Works

by JOHN F. MONFREDO  
of the Acorn Staff

Dr. S. Willis Rudy and Dr. Francis G. Walett, professors of history at WSC, have both added to their list of published materials during the week of May 13. Dr. Rudy wrote an article which appears in the current issue of *School and Society* entitled "Higher Education in the United States, 1862-1962," while Dr. Walett had the second phase of the dairy which he is editing, ("The Diary of The Reverend Ebenezer Parkman, First Minister of Westboro, Mass., 1729-1738") published in *The Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society*.

In "Higher Education in the United States, 1862-1962," Professor Rudy analyzes the American Adaptation of European Models of Higher Education; the dual system of colleges and universities, public and private, that has developed in the United States; the role of democracy in higher education; the board scope of American Collegiate and University studies; the active involvement of the academic community in American Society; and the harmonizing influences between the emphasis on the liberal and the professional levels of education.

The first article on Dr. Walett's work with the Parkman Diary, dealing with the years 1719 to 1728, was published in the April, 1961, issue of *The Proceedings*. With the latest edition of *The Proceedings* Professor Walett has continued his work through the year 1738. The Reverend Parkman's manuscript dairy covers in extensive detail events in the life of Westboro and nearby communities during Reverend Parkman's long pastorate, from 1723 to 1782. It is a unique record of everyday occurrences in a typical eighteenth-century New England village. Students of Social History, Local History, and Genealogy will find this a most valuable primary source of information. Upon the completion of publication of the diary in successive issues of *The Proceedings*, the American Antiquarian Society will publish Dr. Walett's work in book form.

## Both Faculty and Students Accept Honors at WSC

**DR. FOSTER AND  
MISS O'DONNELL**

At last week's Faculty Dinner at the Sterling Inn, Dr. Elizabeth V. Foster, Director of Laboratory Experiences here at WSC, and Professor Kathryn P. O'Donnell, of the WSC English Department, were honored on their 25th anniversary at the college. President Sullivan presided at the annual affair, while Miss Vera Dowden served as chairman of the program.

**MISS MCKELLIGETT**

WSC's Dean of Women, Miss Marquerite M. McKelligett, has recently been elected to membership in the National League of American Pen Women in the field of letters. The manuscripts of the two lectures which she submitted were entitled: **French Gardens—A Reflection of French History and Thought and Teaching of Modern Languages in the Elementary schools—An Experiment in Intercultural Understanding.**

**MR. MERKIN**

Mr. Melvin Merkin, member of the WSC Science Dept., has been accepted as the only New England Chemistry Professor for the National Science Foundation Summer Institute at the University of North Carolina.

**STUDENTS**

Although most senior secondaries are looking for jobs, three of them have recently been honored in other ways.

Veto Filipkowski has been accepted to the Peace Corps for service as a teacher in the secondary schools of Ethiopia.

Michael Cavanagh has received a National Science Foundation Grant for the Academic Year Institute at the University of Utah at Salt Lake.

Benjamin Mazynski, Jr., has been accepted for the Graduate School of Foreign Languages at Assumption College to include study at the Sorbonne in Paris.

## Sophs Re-Elect Pres. La France; Melican, McGreevy Also Return

(special to the Acorn)

One of the most interesting elections in the history of the college took place in the sophomore class on May 10.

The conflicting sophomores re-elected to office: Ronald LaFrance, President; George Melican, Social Chairman, and Ann McGreevy, Secretary. Newcomers elected were: Robert Kulesza Vice-President, a surprise winner Carol Mulvihill, Social Chairman; and David Hebenstreit, Treasurer.

Defeated after serving two consecutive years were: Peter Saka-

lowsky, Anne-Marie Bernier, and John Monfredo. During their terms in office the sophomore class had won two all-college week skits, the "62" Winter Carnival trophy, and had put on many of the college's extra-curricular activities. Many times though, making a class a successful one does not win an election.

In the race for student council, the popular John Chiras was re-elected, and elected for the first time were Tony Cutropia and Vivian Kostka. Defeated after serving as a council member was Arnold Burke.

## Historians Go

(Con't from Page 3)

prised at the tiny size of the gallant vessel. The sight, smell, and feel of the dark, gloomy, and often wet tween decks that once housed her courageous passengers rekindled a keen sense of admiration for the Pilgrims, that sometimes seems to get lost in this highly commercial and ultra sophisticated age.

It was such an enjoyable and instructive day that when next May rolls around we hope to welcome many more on the next trip.

Dear Uncle Zug:

I am a very shy boy. Whenever I see a girl approaching, I run away. Is this sensible?

Shy Guy

Dear S. G.—He who from girls doth run, will have some safety—but not much fun.

Dear Uncle Z:

My boy friend has a new invention which (he says) can make butter out of grass. Is this possible?

Ima Wondering

Dear Ima—Sure. All he needs is a cow and a churn.

Zuggie Dear:

I do not like boys. They are always "stuck-up" and unfriendly. Why do they act like they know all the answers?

Grumpy Gal

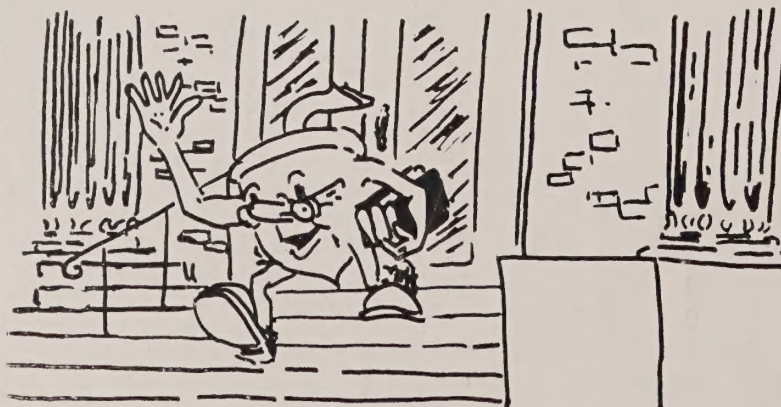
Dear G. G.—Boys do know all the answers. It's the questions that get them all confused.

D.U.Z.:

I am taking my girl for a ride in my new car. I would like to attach a small vase to it to hold some flowers. How can I do this?

Henry Ford

Dear Hank—Forget about the vase that holds the flowers; just worry about the nut that holds the wheel.



"OAKIE" SAYS  
THAT SCHOOL  
IS OUT—  
SEE YOU IN  
THE FALL